

Listing of Claims:

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Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2, 3, and 5-7 as indicated below.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) Clip according to ~~Claim 4~~ **claim 8**, characterized by the fact that, both in the relaxed state of the clip and in a state with a clamped stack of sheets, both limbs (6) are arranged on top of each other and parallel to each other by means of a spring (7).

3. (Currently Amended) Clip according to ~~Claim 4~~ **claim 8**, characterized by the fact that it is made to be multipart, with both limbs (6) being connected by means of a spring (7) without making mutual contact.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) Clip according to ~~claim—4~~ claim 8, characterized by the fact that the clip is made to be multipart.

6. (Currently Amended) Clip according to ~~claim—4~~ claim 8, characterized by the fact that each limb is triangular, trapezoidal, semicircular, or semielliptical.

7. (Currently Amended) Clip, according to ~~claim—4~~ claim 8, characterized by the fact that sheets may be clamped between the limbs by virtue of the force applied by the pre-tensioned back in combination with projections incorporated into the limbs.

8. (Previously Presented) A clip for clamping sheets of paper, plastic, metal, and other materials at the sheet corners or sides, the clip comprising:

two limbs (1, 1a, 1b); and

a pre-tensioned back (2) configured to apply a force to the limbs;

where the clip is configured to be U-shaped with the limbs parallel to each other in a relaxed state; each limb including a small inward fold (3) of less than 90 degrees (3a), each inward fold defining a fold line; the fold line being disposed at an acute angle (4a) with respect to the back; the clip is configured so that the sheets may be clamped between the limbs by virtue of the force applied by the pre-tensioned back; and the clip comprises metal or high-strength plastic or wood or compressed cellulose.